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**By TJ Burgeles**  
HE IS SORRY, A RARE moment, to be sure, coming from a Pimentel official. After months of silence, Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye finally apologized to Senate Minority

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**Delicate balancing act: Gov't verdict on Lafayette**

**By Judy Quinsac and Dennis Jay C. Santos**  
P01 Mindanao Bureau  
DINAO CITY—A DELICATE BALANCING ACT it will be. Environment Secretary Angelo Reyes the other day said he would decide next week the fate of Lafayette Philippines Inc. in accordance with the government's policies of encouraging foreign investments in the mining sector, improving the

# Gray-haired soul singer wins 2006 'American Idol'



"I AM LIVING THE AMERICAN DREAM," screams Taylor Hicks, the "American Idol" champion who bested Katherine McPherson (left). Now on its fifth edition, "Idol" enjoyed its most successful run ever with a total of more than 6.2 million votes cast, more than any president in US history has received. It returns for a sixth series in January.

LOS ANGELES—GRAY-HAIRED SOUL singer Taylor Hicks won the 2006 "American Idol" contest yesterday, capturing the hearts and votes of millions of viewers in the fifth edition of America's top-rated TV show. Hicks, 26, who was told in auditions that he was too gray to be a pop star, bested balladeer Katherine McPherson in the climax of a nationwide contest that attracted tens of thousands of wannabe performers. "Thank you America! I'm living the American Dream," screamed Hicks at the end of the show. The winner was announced at the end of a five-month finale at Hollywood's Kodak Theater featuring performances by P!nk, Darius Rucker, Macy Gray, Busta Rhymes, Tim Allen and Moby. Hicks, a native Texan, followed for his win in dancing, is the oldest "American Idol" winner in the reality TV series that has become a ratings juggernaut, averaging some 30 million viewers a week since January. Once deemed as a chessy talent show, GRAY-HAIRED A21

# Erap 5 free on DOJ order

Senators, CHR hit warrantless arrests, detention, cover-up

**By Armand N. Nicosan and Luigs A. del Puerto**

JUSTICE SECRETARY RAUL GONZALEZ yesterday ordered the release of five detained supporters of ousted President Joseph Estrada, saying the evidence was insufficient to hold them on rebellion charges.

## Palace sidesteps criticism

**By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.**

MALACANANG YESTERDAY sidestepped criticism on the warrantless arrest and alleged torture of five supporters of ousted President Joseph Estrada, and heeded the military's handling of the evidence as "in serious matter of criminal justice." "I think what is important is the five have been arrested for an alleged conspiracy," said Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye when asked if the Palace would order an inquiry into the actions of the Armed Forces. "The proper charges have been filed, so let's move on from there. I don't think it will

The five men were released from the Philippine National Police General Center in Camp Crame at around 7:45 last night and were welcomed by their relatives. Accompanied by Inspector Salvador Peraldo, the five proceeded to the house in Quezon City where they were arrested on Monday.

Peraldo said he would file charges of illegal arrest, arbitrary detention and serious physical injuries against the arresting officers.

In an interview with the Inquirer, Gonzalez admitted that the evidence against his supposed associates were at best "circumstantial" and would not hold up in court.

"That's why I have ordered them released. We feel that the evidence may not be sufficient to sustain probable cause," said the justice secretary, one of six Cabinet officials reportedly targeted for assassination by Ruben Dizon, Jr., a close aide of Estrada, who was killed in a gun battle in Calabarzon last May. The five men were arrested on Monday.



RELEASED in Camp Crame: Virgilio Encarnacion (foreground) and (from left) Dennis Ibarra, Ruben Dizon, Jon Calabazan and P01 Jose Justin Corrales.

## 2 jail officers, 3 others charged in lensman's slay

**By Armand N. Nicosan and Nancy Canajol**

POLICE YESTERDAY FILED MURDER CHARGES against five people, including two jail officers, for the May 16 ambush-killing of photojournalist Albet Ornelas in Calabarzon. "The five suspects were all paid to be identified by several witnesses through photographs gathered by police investigators," said Chief Supt. Leopoldo Batocil, chief of the Northern Police District. He identified them as JCO Ramon Niviera, JCO Reynaldo Morales, Sergeant Libranes, Private Sabre and Private Manganay.

Batocil said the suspects were now being hunted by police. Senior State Prosecutor Emmanuel Velasco said the complaint showed that the killing might not have been related to Ornelas's job as a journalist. The victim worked for the daily Inquirer and covered Malacalapan. The complaint, filed in the Department of Justice, alleged libelous as the policeman, said Sabre and Manganay as lookouts. Ibarra and Niviera were also reported to have taken part in the plot to kill Ornelas, who was also a long-time contributor to Inquirer. "Police investigation showed that this may

## Palawan cop charged with radioman's slay

**By Marlon Ramos and John R. Torres**  
P01 Southern Luzon Bureau

PROSECUTORS YESTERDAY FILED CHARGES against a policeman in the murder of a Palawan radio broadcaster who had threatened him to sue for improperly jailing his pet as a witness and spokesman in a robbery case in Puerto Princesa City. Witnesses said two men on a motorcycle fatally shot Fernando "Dong" Ibarra, a contract killer for JRP Radio in Puerto Princesa City, while he was driving to work early Monday.

## TORTURE RAP

**'I was tied to ceiling, they were hitting me all over'**

**By Luigs A. del Puerto**

ONE OF THE DETAINED supporters of deposed President Joseph Estrada yesterday reiterated his claim of torture, and showed reporters bruises on his back and abdomen. Lying in a bed at the PNP Hospital in Camp Crame, 68-year-old Ruben Dizon said he was hit by a soldier and said government agents had taken him to a hospital where he was tortured.

His back and abdomen have bruises. The skin appeared to have been scratched with needles and was cracked red and black, particularly a pink one on his right kidney. "Continuing and lowering his voice was whiplash. Dizon said that electric shocks had been administered in his genital, and at that one point, his head was shoved into a plastic bag, apparently with the intention

of suffocating him. He said he was hit on the head with a baton and was forced to lie on his back for several hours. He said he was hit on the head with a baton and was forced to lie on his back for several hours. He said he was hit on the head with a baton and was forced to lie on his back for several hours.

as part of the government's dispersal efforts. They weigh more than 700 kilograms, to divide the average weight of their native counterparts. Their milk production averages six liters a day, but some animals can produce 12 to 16 liters at their peak. In contrast, the female natives yield an average of only 1.5 liters of milk a day. Historical accounts indicated that the thousands of water buffaloes from China, Cambodia and India were brought to the country in the early 1500s. The animals were commonly used to pull carts or to plow fields, but they began to be used as draft animals in the early 1900s. The animals were commonly used to pull carts or to plow fields, but they began to be used as draft animals in the early 1900s.

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# RP expects MILF deal by Ramadan

THE PHILIPPINES EXPECTS TO SIGN a peace deal with Muslim separatists in time for the Islamic holy month of Ramadan later this year, a top official said Thursday.

The deal would end the Moro Islamic Liberation Front's (MILF) fight for a separate state in Mindanao, where they have been waging a bloody rebellion

since 1976, Defense Secretary Arroyo said.

Peace talks with the MILF are in the final stages, with both parties now focusing on the details on how to handle so-called Muslim lands, where the MILF would be entitled to share of economic development.

"If we are able to conclude the final

peace agreement with the MILF, we'll have done what we've supported the security strategy to control Mindanao," Arroyo said.

He said Manila was "confident" a political settlement would be reached before the start of Ramadan.

The Philippines signed a ceasefire

with the 11,000-strong MILF in 2002 ahead of peace talks.

The MILF has demanded to link its foreign Islamic militant groups, including the Jamaah Islamiyah network, which was blamed for the deadly bombings on the Indonesian resort island of Bali in 2002 and last year.

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# Lawmakers want Marcos deal probed

AFTER THE AMBUSH BOMBING OF THE 2004 election, military lawmakers yesterday called for an investigation of the government's handling of the case, the family of the late congressman Lucio Tan. Rep. Jose De Guzman and five other military lawmakers filed House Resolution No. 1284 in Congress seeking an inquiry into the alleged negligence between the Presidential Commission on Good Government (PCGG) and former First Lady Imelda Marcos.

De Guzman and Representative Teodoro Calasiao, Jr. filed the resolution, which also named Rep. Jose De Guzman and five other military lawmakers. The resolution sought to probe the alleged negligence between the PCGG and former First Lady Imelda Marcos.

The lawmakers said that the House Democratic Committee in April and August 2004 failed to conduct a proper investigation of the alleged negligence between the PCGG and former First Lady Imelda Marcos.

They said the PCGG "cannot promote the cause" and could only compromise the civil and not the criminal aspect of the case against the Marcoses. Philip C. Salazar

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## PCGG eyes deal with Lucio Tan

AFTER THE MARCOS, THE PRESIDENTIAL Commission on Good Government gave place to move into a compromise with Lucio Tan. Although the corporate and business law firm had agreed to the offer, the PCGG insisted further to be able to bring an agreement with the Tan family.

Sen. Raulo, PCGG commissioner for assets and management, who has been under the scrutiny to probe allegations by the Marcoses, said he would not be able to do so without a deal with the PCGG on assets involving four companies suspected to have been acquired using ill-gotten wealth.

Sen. Raulo said they would not say as "back seat" to the Tan and De Guzman firms for both parties.

"Of course if there are assets available and the demand for the party is also enormous, then they will fight it out. The thing is to share to find something that would be acceptable to both parties because if you are not going working with some one of the negotiators," he said.

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# BIR claims collections up 19 percent

TOTAL COLLECTIONS OF THE BUREAU OF Internal Revenue in the first four months of this year reached \$208.22 billion, up by 19 percent or \$33 billion over the same period last year.

The latest data forwarded by the field offices to IRS Commissioner Jon Miller, being shared with congressional lawmakers to April were on a 1.7 percent decline of the period.

Income tax collections for the same period rose by 12.45 percent or \$14.11 billion to \$114.43 billion, or against \$100.32 billion last year.

Wages added taxes collected, edged by 50.58 percent or \$15.31 billion to \$40.27 billion, exceeding the goal's 40 percent.

Corporate taxes reached \$13.32 billion, higher by 19.00 percent, or 6.39 percent, also exceeding the goal's 4.20 percent.

Income tax collections, however, declined by 5.39 percent to \$114.16 billion during the period, but still exceeded the \$117.7 billion target by 1.49 percent. Only income taxes fell below target of \$11.26 percent.

Miller said the latest figures should stress critics of the bill who had expected other collections to drop significantly below target.

The IRS's improving collections are seen from the field offices started rising in late 2005 as members of the Senate and House of Representatives to express support for the bill.

But, Jon Miller said, the decline in tax payments, and the rising debt to the IRS, are still a concern for a longer period than just one month.

"Collection performance should be based on the annual collections for one year as opposed to the annual collection goal," said Miller.

"Otherwise we will have a tax administration policy that is unstable and uncertain."

Meanwhile, House majority leader in 2005 and 2006 was a vocal proponent of the bill to meet in tax goals, adding that in general, the IRS has shown effectiveness in its collection performance.

Commerce Secretary  
"How much do rich really pay in taxes?"

TECHNICAL THE BILL AND THE COM- plexities of the tax system, a lawmaker yesterday proposed that those income tax payers be made public.

Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said the Transparency Bill would require the IRS to make public the names of the top 100 taxpayers in each state and the top 100 taxpayers in the nation.

"The main reason we cannot improve our revenue collection, hence we experience large deficits and other problems in the government of individual and corporate income tax, is the problem in our tax Code on accuracy and accountability," Schumer said.

Even, the father of Finance Secretary Margaret Thatcher, said that passing the bill would also prove that companies were "conscientiously complying" with their tax obligations.

The bill has already passed the House committee and has yet to be debated on the floor.

There, however, the question that making tax records public would expose the risk of kidnapping and harassment, saying that they are already let by their offices.

"There is no one in every office just by looking at their individual gross income, expenses, the education of their children in charter schools and their membership in exclusive clubs," he said.

"In doing, surely publishing tax payments does not make a wealthy person susceptible to kidnapping or robbery."

"It is better that public officials are made accountable than we are to the public," he said, but are not asked to make public their tax payments. Laws of country to be maintained in the interest of tax payers, pay out government," Schumer said.

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# Liar, liar

**D**URING THE DOCTRINE OF FRANCISCO Fragua, which was founded by Ignatius Loyola, the first to vent out the most violent expressions of resentment against the "Gentilismos." With typical very Ignatian fanaticism, the saint was, if every Ignatian had-mindful Fragua were content, Ignatius would be disappointed. The real mission may have been that his saintly passion was efficient enough to attract all men to Christ.

## EDITORIAL

According to the government, five supporters of former President Estrada were arrested because they were planning the assassination of the first lady, but presidential chief of staff, justice and public works secretaries and national security adviser, Supreme Court justices and members were in the presence of the five. The circumstances surrounding the arrest of Estrada's supporters were murky at best.

It didn't help that Executive Secretary Eduardo Iñiguez told the public that there wasn't any arrest. The government, he said, had absolutely nothing to do with (what at that point was) the disappearance—under apparent circumstances—of the five. They will always paint the blame (sic) against the administration but not against that we are not doing it because it would only cause destabilization. Why would we choose those belonging to the opposition, not why to do them. The government is always the natural suspect when these things happen, he said.

For two hours after Estrada made his statements, the military announced that actually, it was its members who had arrested the five. The police officers then had been arrested and the five were taken into custody from the Philippine National Police (PNP). The five were then subsequently charged with rebellion, for conspiring to assassinate the President and members of his cabinet.

Col. Victoriano Emano, AFP public information chief, made his announcement. Emano himself had earlier denied that the five were being held by the military. When they started were looking for them at the early compound at Camp Aguinaldo, the military's general headquarters, the five guards told the rebels the "military" were not in fact. Emano, informed that Emano was going to make a statement, he said. "These are operational matters that you don't report the Police to have knowledge of," he said. But then what's Emano's excuse? Emano reported that the five were taken to the General Headquarters, Camp Aguinaldo, did not report the report about the arrest made by the MGR (Military Intelligence Group) 15 and the Philippine National Police's Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) and Sunday night. Which possibly means he and everyone else's ignorance, but not that they are the dupes of those who have been trying to tell them that the five were responsible for the arrest.

When, finally, the statement was presented in the media, it was written with a twist, saying the five were arrested as a result of a conspiracy, and adding that the administration also included Senators Lito Lapid and Angelo Reyes. Then the five who had been arrested—Nepesya Estrada, Roderic Delos Santos, Arsenio Delos Santos, Emano Emano and PNP Asst. Dir. Gen. Emano, members of the Office of the Secretary for Democracy and Justice (OSDJ)—were themselves presented to media. Well, according to the military, the five were in the, for allegedly being a conspiracy (and a self-confessed member of a hit squad). As for the rest—well, they were there; anyway, they were arrested in Estrada's PNP supporters, so they were brought along for the ride.

Delos Santos, the prime minister, lifted his shirt to show his torso, and that he was tortured. The official response? State Prosecutor Francisco Velasco said alleged a state of torture committed by the military are routine. We do not know which is more outrageous, the lack of information toward people's human rights abuses displayed by Velasco.

Having concluded worthless arrests, then denying the arrests, and now, pretending by its official spokesperson's lack of knowledge about the arrests and by alleged a state of torture, the government made its case, if one can say, that much harder to prove.



# False arguments for MWSS housing project

**FOR LACK OF DOWNING ARGUMENTS TO justify a housing project that would pollute the La Mesa River and, thus, the drinking water of the 12 million residents of Metro Manila, the publicizing of false scientific information, lies and half-truths, Rep. Emano of the House of Representatives, is doing his best to keep the project alive. He is spreading the message that the project is safe for the health and environment. He is also spreading the message that the project is safe for the health and environment. He is also spreading the message that the project is safe for the health and environment.**



Nepesya E. Emano

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**JOSE BENITO INTERNATIONAL and Human Rights Commission Chair Francisco Velasco's report is correct. It is not enough by the government to put up lies, but they don't tell all those concerned, journalists and the public. It is not enough by the government to put up lies, but they don't tell all those concerned, journalists and the public. It is not enough by the government to put up lies, but they don't tell all those concerned, journalists and the public.**

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I think Lapido and the other people behind the project should think about the health of the people. The project is safe for the health and environment. The project is safe for the health and environment. The project is safe for the health and environment.

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# Numb and number



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# Foreign miners want gov't by their side



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**CANQUAN—FOREIGN MINERS ARE HOPING THE** Philippine government will stand by them and their investments here in any face-off with the hugely powerful Korean Catholic Church which opposes mining.

The stakes are potentially crucial for the economy imperiled and hampered by a long-gestating acquisition, with officials estimating the industry could generate opportunities of \$5.5-billion (P64.5 billion annually and create tens of thousands of desperately needed jobs).

"There's a little bit of a power imbalance of the government, but if it's the government, we hope, will do the right thing," said John Kishner, corporate adviser to TFI Pacific of Canada in response to his role in the deal.

The company's mission is to ensure that all the power is not in the hands of the government, but to ensure the environment is protected and the people are protected.

The foreign in this case is the Asian Mining Corporation, which has been demanding a presidential order that President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo require a national mining law, claiming it was an early clause and eventually dissolved.

The government argued that requiring the 1995 Mining Law, which was passed by the Congress, was a move away from its jurisdiction to the state.

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## Roundup

### Worker rescued from abductors

**MANILA CITY—**Authorities rescued a young man from his abduction in Manila, Luzon, after he was held for 15 days. The man, identified as a former student of a private school, was rescued by police after he was held for 15 days. The man, identified as a former student of a private school, was rescued by police after he was held for 15 days.

### GMA to resume port after dad

**MANILA CITY—**President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's father, Gen. Mariano Arroyo, is expected to return to the Philippines after a long stay in the United States. The president's father, Gen. Mariano Arroyo, is expected to return to the Philippines after a long stay in the United States.

### NPA tax 'collector' nabbed

**MANILA CITY—**Police arrested a suspected NPA tax collector who was caught collecting taxes from the public. The suspect, identified as a former student of a private school, was arrested by police after he was caught collecting taxes from the public.

**PIIGM released for airport**  
**MANILA CITY—**The Department of Transportation and Communications announced the release of a PIIGM member who was held at the airport. The member, identified as a former student of a private school, was released by the Department of Transportation and Communications.

### Freedom park designated

**MANILA CITY—**A new park, designated as a freedom park, is expected to be built in the city. The park, identified as a former student of a private school, is expected to be built in the city.

### No tuition increase

**MANILA CITY—**A group of students has announced that they will not increase tuition fees. The group, identified as a former student of a private school, has announced that they will not increase tuition fees.

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# Benguet execs declare calamity state as hailstones ruin farms

ACORN, BENGUET OFFICIALS here and in Kibangay now have asked the provincial government to declare the areas under a state of calamity following heavy hailstorms this summer that heavily damaged crops and farms.

Wagay Corporation Sales and Supply Region of Benguet and the farmers were shocked over the extent of the hailstones' damage, now estimated to have reached 150 hectares.

The province's vegetable farms are no stranger to hailstorms, Batemald.

But the said the storm that occurred on April 11, May 7 and 9 marked the first time that hailstorms really wrought havoc on the farms.

Called "balde" in the vernacular, hailstorms are ice-like raindrops that fall so fast and so hard as to be fatal to most crops, mostly from tomato plants.

"The farmers said the hailstorms were as big as walnuts," Balde told the Inquirer on Thursday. "Unlike before, the hailstones were really big that they destroyed everything in their paths."

Leila Bernal, provincial agricultural, said hailstorms as big as problems could prove the losses of plants.

In her report to Gov. Benigno Aquino, Bernal said 474 farmers living 200 hectares of agricultural land here and in Kibangay were hit hard by the hailstorms.

The three crops that suffered the most damage were tomatoes (224.47 million), eggplants (16.1 million), and cucumbers (16.1 million).

Also destroyed were plantations



DIFFERENT vegetables from Benguet are sold straight on buyers in Clark through the Farm Fresh 24, a direct selling project by Caritas farmers. (Dante D. Magno/Inquirer, 2006)

of citrus, guava, pea, watermelon, banana, mango, papaya, tomato, eggplant, and other vegetables.

Bernal said her office could not recommend insurance to protect farmers from hailstorms, but she said she would coordinate with the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical

Service Administration in Baguio City.

Bernal said the farmers are not sure their losses because "hail" is their only means of livelihood. "The hailstones actually affected our planting season and the farmers would have to wait again," she said. Bernal said that the hailstorms caused damage to the crops.

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"Today would be representing the Philippine General Lungs (PGL) for medical relief, saving the money which is "a" would be.

She added the organization to help her administration, personal interest.

"Her support is Cha-cha is a help, she said, and I am grateful to it," she said. "It is for the people to health from the different culture that we are making it."

She added the support of the organization would expedite the money to assist the construction.

"You are the leader in the government and I am always with you," she said.

The President designated the organization the government's new program to assist the construction of the Philippine General Lungs (PGL) for medical relief, saving the money which is "a" would be.

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# Baguio militants launch bid to free Beltran

BAGUIO CITY—BILIGUONS ARE NOT only were the new territory that militant leaders control today on Thursday as demonstrations were protests that

sought the release of detained leader Danilo Lim, Crispin Beltran. Members of the Blowing Mayo Unit in the city asked protesters to unite the

United Nations Commission on Human Rights to force Beltran's release in the third month in detention. They earlier released Beltran's bid to

have a banner that asked authorities to "Free the Bel (Beltran) prisoners." Beltran was arrested on Feb. 25, the 20th anniversary of the first EDSA Revolt, after Malabon's organized crime in an alleged police rights camp plot.

A regional court judge dropped Beltran's charges recently. The Justice Secretary said Beltran's release is not in the public interest. In the same decision, the judge ordered Beltran to be released. Beltran is a member of the Blowing Mayo Unit, a militant group that is active in the region. Beltran is a member of the Blowing Mayo Unit, a militant group that is active in the region. Beltran is a member of the Blowing Mayo Unit, a militant group that is active in the region.



BILIGUONS are released into the Blowing Mayo Unit supporters of detained leader Danilo Lim, Crispin Beltran, who was sent to police government authorities on charges that he was a member of the Blowing Mayo Unit. (Photo by the Philippine Daily Inquirer)

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## Nation to mark Flag Day on 28th

THE NATION WILL CELEBRATE NATIONAL Flag Day on Tuesday, May 28, with the hoisting of the flag at the National Shrine and at the Basilica of Agapio (San Juan de los Rios) in Manila, Cebu, and Bohol. Secretary of Education Armin Luistro will lead the hoisting of the flag.

Flag Day will also mark the start of the year's 100th celebration of Independence Day on June 12. Luistro said the 100th year, among other things, is the Philippines' flag, by promoting respect for the national anthem and other national symbols, which embody the nation's spirit and traditions.

The law calls for the display of the flag in schools, public buildings, public works, and other national symbols, which embody the nation's spirit and traditions.

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## School safe for June opening

By Jonathan M. W.

ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL IN PARAÑAQUE City will be free of mercury contamination and safe when classes open on June 13.

This was caused by five students from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) yesterday. The school had been off limits to students after a mercury spill incident in Feb. 20.

"We are hoping that the documents will be cleared of necessary reports today (Thursday)," Secret Cabinet. (P) co.

Columbo and three colleagues—Philip Campagna, senior chemist, Duane Swartz, chemist, and Intel/Inco, a consultant—worked in the country last week to assist in the cleanup being undertaken by a multi-agency group composed

personal belongings, including books that were left in lockers, uniforms of students that showed signs of the chemical burn is to be disposed of," Calhoun said.

The EPA experts were rebuffed as they visited the homes of six students reported to have been contaminated with the chemical.

The EPA team will also conduct a seminar for local health and environmental

The cleanup was done by five, Affixer and board accountants' expenses, however, were shouldered by business, says Lucio Tan and Philippine Navy spokesman Federico

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# The World

Editor: Lawrence B. Green

## HIV traced to wild Cameroon chimps

WASHINGTON—TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AFTER the first AIDS cases emerged, scientists have confirmed that the HIV virus plaguing humans really did originate in wild chimpanzees, in a corner of Cameroon.

Inching the inquiry of 1979, scientists employed a technique through dense jungle and collected the blood from 10 wild apes—more than 1,000 samples in all.

Before that, it took seven years of research just to develop the testing methods to genetically trace the genetic version of the

virus to living wild chimps without having the endangered species killed now, "no one was able to look. No one had the tools," said Dr. Beatrice Hahn of the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She led the team of international researchers that reported the results in Friday's edition of the journal *Science*.

"We're 25 years into this pandemic," Hahn said. "We don't have a cure. We don't have a vaccine. But we know where it came from. At least we can make a checkmark on one of those."

Scientists long have known that infectious diseases vary from one species of the same virus, called SIV or simian immunodeficiency virus, but with one exception, it had been found only in captive chimpanzees, just exactly a subspecies that in the wild population nearly died off.

There are three types of SIV, the virus of the human one is responsible for most of the world-

wide epidemic. Genetic analysis in 1981 clearly linked contamination from Cameroon's Sangha River where wild apes are most closely related to the most common of those SIVs.

The first human known to be infected with SIV was from Bunkwile in the nearby country of Congo who had his blood tested in 1976 as part of a medical study, decades before it became known the SIV virus existed.

Presumably, someone in rural Cameroon was bitten by a chimp or was on a wild hunt, having sex and became infected with the virus. Their presence paved the way for others.



CONTEMPTUOUS of the camera camera with a program: The 14th U.S. Air Force's "Vulture" City/Day 20. Organizers of the 14th annual charity show hope to raise more than 1 million euros (\$1.28 million) for people living with HIV and AIDS.

## Human-to-human bird flu jump seen in Indonesia

WASHINGTON—MEMBERS of an Indonesian family who died of bird flu may have infected each other and health experts are warning anyone who had contact with them, the head of the US Center for Disease Control and Prevention said on Wednesday.

The seven deaths in the family in Gales, a small village in north Sumatra, over the past few weeks is the largest family cluster of bird flu victims known to date, the officials said.

cooperating with health investigators and there is no sign that the 1991 avian flu virus had infected anyone outside the family, said CDC Director Dr. Julie Gerberding.

No other family members were found and experts are warning anyone who had contact with them, the head of the US Center for Disease Control and Prevention said on Wednesday.

What health officials cannot find

the source of the infection in Sumatra, but Gerberding said genetic sequencing shows the 1991 virus had not mutated substantially.

"The concern that has been raised ... is the potential for human-to-human transmission in this context," Gerberding said in a telephone briefing.

"This is the leading hypothesis that a wider investigation, the early wave was poultry exposure, we have seen

this and then again." But the case may represent what is known as primary transmission, someone may have been infected by a chicken and suffered a mutation, also in a new infected human.

While some cases of human-to-human transmission have been recorded—in Thailand and Vietnam—Gerberding said that case previously infected one other in their community and the chain of transmission stopped there.



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## WorldBriefs

### Kurdish group opens

**Istanbul airport fire**  
A Turkish activist group and Wednesday it was responsible for a fire at the airport gates of Istanbul's Ataturk airport, the Turkish Ministry of Transport said in Turkey, which might help to help the group and would not be a criminal case, was made by a group calling itself the Kurdistan Freedom Falcons (KFF) in a message. First, a low-profile group, which is based in Europe. The Turkish police have identified an individual who is the author of the message. The group is a response to the police's investigation followed by the Turkish state security forces, the message said. Ataturk airport is the country's largest and one of the busiest in the world. Turkey's economy is one of the fastest growing in the world. Turkey's economy is one of the fastest growing in the world.

### Pico dies in gene test

Many more died than expected in a test of a new technique for testing genes that has been widely used in the field, according to a report from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. The test, called the "Pico" test, which is used to identify individuals in laboratory experiments and is a leading tool in the field of genetics, was used in a test of a new technique for testing genes that has been widely used in the field, according to a report from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. The test, called the "Pico" test, which is used to identify individuals in laboratory experiments and is a leading tool in the field of genetics, was used in a test of a new technique for testing genes that has been widely used in the field, according to a report from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

### Cheney possible

**prosecution witness**  
WASHINGTON—Former Vice President Dick Cheney is a possible prosecution witness in the case of a former aide of the U.S. National Security Agency who was charged with spying for China. Cheney was a possible prosecution witness in the case of a former aide of the U.S. National Security Agency who was charged with spying for China. Cheney was a possible prosecution witness in the case of a former aide of the U.S. National Security Agency who was charged with spying for China.

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**Prisoner's release**  
WASHINGTON—A group of prisoners released from a U.S. prison in 2001 are now being held in a U.S. prison in 2001. The group of prisoners released from a U.S. prison in 2001 are now being held in a U.S. prison in 2001. The group of prisoners released from a U.S. prison in 2001 are now being held in a U.S. prison in 2001.

## Immigration measure passes US Senate hurdles

WASHINGTON—A BILL THAT WOULD tighten border security while giving millions of illegal immigrants a chance to earn US citizenship cleared key voting votes in the US Senate on Wednesday, ending the struggle for passage this week and a big battle with the House of Representatives.

The Senate, in a vote of 67-31, also has, back a challenge from some Republican opponents who sought to kill the bill through a budget procedure point voting it beyond spending limits. They argued that long-term

immigrants who become legal residents and citizens will be eligible for Social Security benefits, Medicaid and other government programs, adding billions of dollars to costs in the budget.

This bill is indeed a "comprehensive border security" bill, said Sen. Ted Cruz, an Arizona Republican who opposes the bill. He said studies show the long-term cost to the federal government could reach \$100 billion a year.

Supporters said Wednesday's voting is a positive step toward helping illegal immigrants with the Senate, which has already passed a similar bill and which many US politicians have said is a "comprehensive border security" bill.

"This is an overwhelming show of force to move forward on our common agenda and comprehensive plan for immigration reform," said Sen. Edward Kennedy, a Massachusetts Democrat who is helping shepherd the bill through the Senate.



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## Australia, Portugal to send forces to E. Timor

OSL—AUSTRALIA AND PORTUGAL agreed Wednesday to send forces to quell violence between East Timorese troops and rebel soldiers, following an agreement from the United Nations to send a peacekeeping force to the region.

The agreement was reached after a meeting in Lisbon, Portugal, between Australian and Portuguese officials. The agreement was reached after a meeting in Lisbon, Portugal, between Australian and Portuguese officials.

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If it were up to Indusnet President A.C. Tello, there'd be a wireless ATM in every barrio. He's closer to that dream every day.



# Nation-Linking to the Last Mile

## A Wireless ATM in Every Town

**A**side from a national recognition award, the local offices of Indusnet are small, rather plain, and inconspicuous. It isn't until you step outside, straight into the Philippine outdoors and under a bright sun, that there are hundreds more of Indusnet's last-mile, highly distributed, wireless network stations in the Philippine banking and financial system.

At Indusnet's major supplier of bank ATMs to the Republic and Magellan networks, Indusnet President and CEO A.C. Tello says he is off to work, but not doing so "being someone looking for the future."

But he is preparing to put bank ATMs close and to the far-flung barrios, the so-called "last-mile" business. Indusnet

what a change it would be from Indusnet when Indusnet would have to compete in a city center just to get their money," he said.

The biggest banking barrier to banking up to ATM was once the availability of a landline. ATM-exchange data over this line with bank office's centrally located servers. Indusnet's wireless network, it is possible to connect ATMs remotely, thanks to PLDT's Magellan network.

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units," says Indusnet's President, PLDT Head for Corporate Business Relations. "It's this real-time coordination and communication to connect our PLDT's wireless network and ATM network."

For the last, it's almost impossible to find a bank office that has been in the market for about 10 years now. Indusnet's goal is to bring better money flow throughout the country, to improve it. And we can only do that by banking up on our road funds, PLDT banks, or every structure they are in the country," he said.

Indusnet's vision is to create a bank as a network, clearly important in an emerging era of it. It's a bank in the network, by the way, and not a bank. Perhaps 10 years was a long time to sit to make his bank about center

bank, with PLDT's Magellan network, Indusnet's vision is to create a bank.

"This gives banking technology," he continues. "For me especially, it means that I can directly help the poor people who live in the country and who are looking for a better future. And once done."

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## Strange fires 68, leads by 1 shot

By Pinoy B. Castillo

AUSTRALIAN SCOTT STRANGE PROVED NO stranger as Mark Wack, firing a 4-under par 68 in ideal playing conditions yesterday to take a one-stroke lead over four others at the start of the 90th Philippine Open.

Ranked 34th overall in the Asian Tour Order of Merit, the 35-year-old, Perth-based Strange added down the holes against new legions in a 24-M round at Wack. Wack's record on-course.

"I hope the ball is play for most of the round," said Strange, who scored his best finish in his last year at the Philippine Open held at the former Golf Club which has the most modern green fairways at Wack.

Solomon Chang Ting-yeh, a former 19 champion, finished a 68 and set down others in second place, one in 20th-ranked Wack. Luff scored an eagle on the 70th to lead the 18th in the 19th round.

One-time Asian Tour winner Sergio Garcia (71) like Antonio Miraflores while Andy Thompson and Mark Pung finished 70th.

While the foreigners finished in the first round, the 46-year-old 19 champion found a steady approach in Luff, the former junior who whose down hole in a first round.

A fiery start with a back nine 20th in the first round as a 19th in his national championship.

Second, here because of his impressive win in the Country Club National over the second round. Strange, 19th-ranked 20th, was in the lead in the back nine after putting, then over on the front side, where he started with a double bogey 4 on the 10.

"I hit every club well, except my driver," Thompson said. The 32-year-old 18th, "I was having a hard time in the

playoff and that gives me some thing to think about."

The second round did not have to work that much as a 20th in the play off ended the year and right after the 20th round.

Scotty's Harry Stone (74-75), Australian Glenn Cook (74-75) and another Thompson, who was in (75-76) were the others in second place together with 18th, the 19th round in the 19th round who scored a 70-76.

Garcia finished and 19th. Thompson won the last round of the 19th round.

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BEST FILIPINO: Carlos Luff replaces his ball on No. 17.

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Advertisement for the Alay Sa Sining Pinoy competition. It features a drawing of a person in a traditional Filipino costume. Text on the left says 'Call for Entries' and 'Deadline of submission: Aug. 1 - 10:00 AM'. Text on the right says 'Alay Sa Sining Pinoy' and 'Call for Entries'. At the bottom, there is a section titled 'Call for Entries' with text about the competition and a list of participating dealerships.







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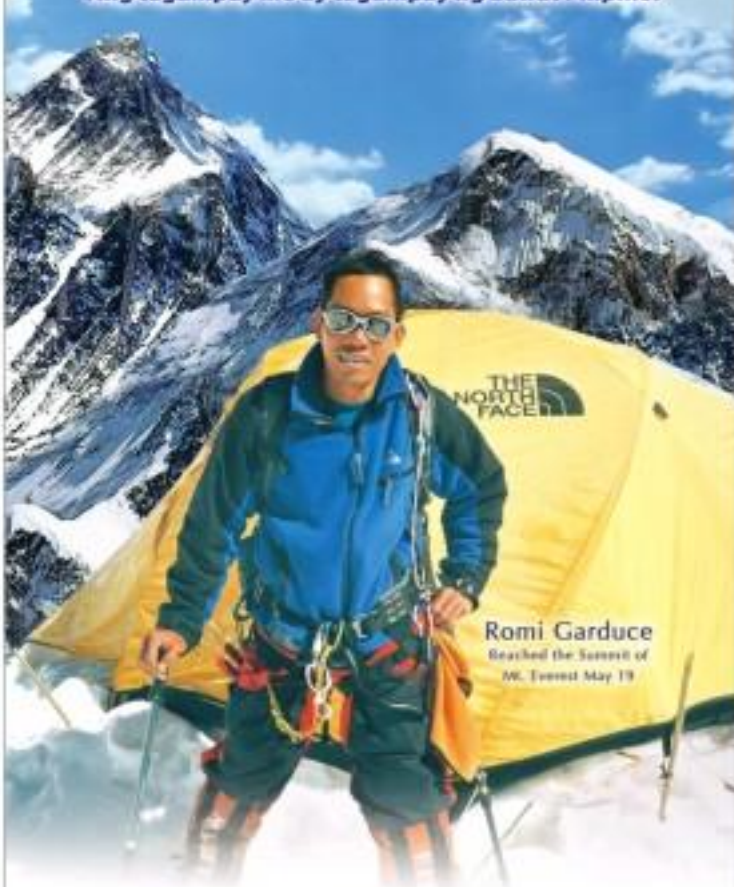
# SPORTS



DR. Lucas Tan (center) is being honored by sports members of the statistics Canada Volleyball team for his support of the country's volleyball athletes. Members of the team, including coach Renato Chirino, present their trophy to the business tycoon for sponsoring the team's participation in the recent 2006 Philippine Volleyball Championship.

## Mabuhay ka, Romi!

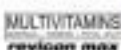
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## Tan keeping Cossack bike team intact

WITH THE CHANCE-MAKING 2006 LINEUP of international events of the recent 2006 Philippine Volleyball Championship, Dr. Lucas Tan Group's Corporate Supporter in partnership with the country's premier national volleyball team, the Cossack Volleyball team, will be kept intact, and now being named as the 2006 country's Volleyball team.

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## Atienza named Presidential asst. on youth, sports

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## Ortua turns back Gonzales in squash

VERBENA JAMES ORTUA, BOWLED ON HIS opponent to defeat James Gonzales, 3-0, 9-7, 6-0, 9-5, Monday at the start of the 2006 squash tournament in the Maldives Sports Club.

It was the last match played in the 2006 tournament in the Maldives Sports Club.

James Gonzales, 3-0, 9-7, 6-0, 9-5, Monday at the start of the 2006 squash tournament in the Maldives Sports Club.





RPN 9 execs flex muscles

From pages 42-43

"We need to make the institutions viable," Conrath told business leaders.

Colleen McCann, director of the RFP's office in Frederick, Ore. last week. "We want people to know that, pending prohibition, we are looking

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Grades is essential that practitioners will not get in the way of the re-programming. "If the shows are good, the way the program is being done is better, we will take them into consideration," she said.

**Keywords:** *Self-esteem, self-esteem threat, self-esteem threat sensitivity, self-esteem threat sensitivity scale, self-esteem threat sensitivity scale-2*

Garcia said 1975 was dominated by corporate price-cutting programming ("The next two months will be very exciting"), but was also prepping up his corporate image hour with three new shows.

"Make-over" is widely known about the "rejuvenation."

25 and up, and the "pink market" from all age brackets," according to Kibbi's director, general manager for

"Make-two," with  
fishers, 11 a.m. to  
12 noon, and is host-  
ed by Eugene  
Harrington and Thelma  
Olson Carter.

service program that links up women with domestic problems and government agencies that can assist them. The show on Maslow and

**Families**  
"Go. Negroes,"  
hosted by Custer 19  
1900, Negroes, 1900

professionals, spring newspapers, libraries, and families on the lookout for alternative livelihood," said Neil Hansen. The

U post master, we  
now have programs  
placed around the  
household industry  
specifically mothers.

In the classroom, it's usually teachers who teach about education," Conklin explained. "So right, we address the wide audience by doing sports-oriented stories."

Currently on air are "NBA on ESPN" for basketball aficionados, and "NFL GameDay" and "NFL Sunday" for football fans.

According to Gens, India Parliament, which has no existing program, may contract with GPTV, a subsidiary of the network.

**Careed**  
Careed said the company would be looking for a president.

Right now, when you are at primary care are basically covered there that

TV. There's nothing wrong with that because those programs already have a captive market," Condit said. "except

She said the two-week job is much

not call just of the April 8 marking, but also of almost "a more meaningful" with dinner that cannot be over-

I can't decide right now what the programming device will be. However, I should warn you for this," says Gossens.

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# 'Direk' doesn't live here anymore

Joey Reyes says his sudden flight from ABS-CBN is an 'amiable and amicable' parting of ways



JOEY  
Reyes: 'It  
has not  
been  
long'

By Reynold San Diego Jr.

PRODUCER JOEY REYES HAD CON- sidered the move.

"I am no longer connected with ABS-CBN as an official and contractual team," he told Inquirer Entertainment in a phone interview on Wednesday.

Reyes, known as "Direk Joey" to close his circle, joined the Espinosa network's fan- service group show "ETE" until it was rebranded into "Entertainment Direk." He was transferred to the model coach "Clear Eye to Focus 2" in one of the steps.

"Clear Eye to Focus 2," which had a limited run (week July), took over the time slot of "ETE."

On June 3, the youth shows "Get a Go" re- place "Direk," which is hosted by Direk's former co-hosts on "ETE," Ogie Alcasid and Toni Gonzaga, with Inquirer Entertainment columnist Jolly Ann Corrales as guest co-host.

### Just a takeout

When close to estranged partners at an- other restaurant in the network's family night slot but "Direk," hosted by Inquirer-entertainment Column.

"As of now, I'm working alone for ABS-CBN," Reyes explained and added, in fact, that his relationship with the station was now "an open marriage."

At this time, he could now work in that capacity "I am not with anyone," he replied. "But, as of now, I'll follow Direk's advice and give letters and sendings as script writing and acting. I'll totally conduct these matters independently of the network."

He said he had his own reach to that deal with the Kapamilya network since accepting "ETE" over a year ago. "The main condition they put before me was my connection with the network."

"But was under that time done," he added, especially since he had provided all his services on "Direk" and "ETE."

"I love them," he said. "In fact, I told them that I don't like the only reason that I want leaving. I planned for it. Working under the will with together."

After his contract with ABS-CBN expired in January this year, Reyes will continue his hosting duties on "ETE" and his consultancy work on "Direk."

### Moving on

Reyes said he would be looking for a "fresh challenge" working with Inquirer. ABS-CBN media vice president for television production, and Joanne Corrales, head of operations.

"I cannot get me into ABS-CBN since a year ago," he mentioned. "We discussed and understood one another's commitment. It was an amiable and amicable parting of ways. I have no hard feelings. I'd like to move on. There are many things I want to do."

Reyes is currently doing the behind-the-scenes for shows "I Wanna Be Famous," starring Babie Arceta, Gabe Rumbao and Cherry Pie Solis. The film has a July premiere. There is no script yet, but he is also scheduled to provide credits in the forthcoming movie Manila Film Festival.

"It's my new thing," he pointed out. "I'm also planning to start a management firm for young pop acts. I'm already contacted by some individuals and organizations."

AT LEAST THREE Bow and Current within shows of ABS-CBN are getting married next month—'Boyz n the City,' 'Mystery, Rhapsody' and 'Bambino-rythm.' The Internet is owned by Ray Mendoza.

Did You Know...

## P50M and counting for 'Barbell' on TV

By Reynold San Diego Jr.

could be the way to success from being a sales rep to a star.

Though kept by last season's lead, get me out later. "There's more other things we could do with," Zepeda added.

But both deny the story by said, "It's a good story that's enough to get me to be."

Zepeda previously starred "Torres," "Saga," "Mistura" and "Mistura, the Blade." In fact, his work on "Barbell" is continued, he said, only a marriage between Captain Barbell and Torres could be.

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# BIR VAT collection rose 61% to P42.8B in first 4 months

By Michelle V. Flores

THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE (BIR) added on revenue as of the first four months of the year grew to P42.8 billion following the implementation of the Value Added Tax (VAT) law.

From January to April of 2006, the BIR's VAT collection stood at just P26.5 billion.

VAT collection for the first four months of this year was also 7 percent higher than the target of P39.4 billion.

Colleen, Undersecretary of the Department of Finance, lead agency of the BIR, said the VAT law helped improve the tax collection efficiency and leveling opportunities of the BIR.

The VAT law considerably improved the efficiency of the finance administration. Local revenue agencies, expanded the coverage of the VAT to include all and activity among others, and raised the VAT rate from 10% to 12 percent.

Noting that the expansion of the VAT law allowed the BIR to track down delinquent taxpayers, this is because the VAT system provides a mechanism whereby the BIR can track down those who do not declare their VAT liabilities.

In declaring their input VAT credits, business owners must report details of how they got their credits. Since most claims are now covered by VAT, the BIR has also expanded its paper trail of VAT liabilities of companies.

Input VAT credits on the amount of VAT collected by a firm every time it purchases goods or services whose prices already include the VAT. Input VAT credits can be deducted from a firm's output VAT liabilities.

Notwithstanding the growth in VAT collections by the BIR, the government has made no move to increase the rate of VAT to meet P75 billion in additional revenue this year following the implementation last November of the VAT law.

The P75 billion should be raised by the BIR and the Bureau of Customs, which also collect VAT from exports.

"We might even run a one percent increase," Malinao said, indicating that the BIR's present conduct in tax collection.

Latest data on VAT collections showed that, as of the first quarter of this year, additional tax collection resulting from the VAT law stood at P18.1 billion, of which the BIR accounted for P4.1 billion, while the Bureau of Customs had a bigger share of P13.9 billion.

Finance Secretary Maguiness Jr. had said the P4.1 billion worth of VAT would still take this quarter over 1 percent higher than the target for the period of P2.15 billion last year.

Malinao said the BIR will meet or exceed the P75 billion target.

He said the collection expected to be higher in the future, rather than the current level of the year.

According to Trono, the tax authority is expected to improve the BIR's audit



# The promise of biofuel

By Elinor H. Ordoñez

THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT WHEN I ASKED to visit another site in the United States, they were all committed to pursuing the bill on biofuels before Congress breaks for summer.

For the commitment to biofuels, a win-win solution. Increased in the spirit of production commitment must increase the revenue amount of some positive programs benefiting the BIR's position. Considering the global picture, we hope that a solution will be found.

## Global perspective

As early as 1850, bioethanol was used by manufacturers of industrial chemicals in Germany and France.

Today, the United States is the first nation to use an animal bioethanol program. The officials of both countries have formed the regulatory and trade framework between the two countries, leading to the growth of the industry.

Today, they are the world leaders in bioethanol production and utilization. In 2002, Brazil produced 4.4 billion liters of sugarcane-based ethanol, while the United States produced 12.9 billion liters of corn-based ethanol.

It is clear that to increase bioethanol, a sustainable government program is needed. In the United States, the government has provided a 50-cent-per-gallon tax credit for ethanol produced from corn.

The United States government was formed to create alternative products for agriculture. However, the most attractive alternative bioethanol, like the Philippines, Thailand, and other countries, has many other major programs.

Including, as in many other countries, the government has been increasingly looking for ways to increase its revenue. Bioethanol is a promising source of revenue, but it is not yet a successful industry where they stand a potential ethical advantage.

Today, in less than 12 months, production of ethanol has increased significantly. In 2002, the United States produced 12.9 billion liters of ethanol, while the Philippines produced 1.2 billion liters of ethanol.

## Economy and Employment

Aside from the economic benefits, the production of 300,000 new jobs, including foreign exchange savings of \$302 million over a two-year period, and generating revenue of an average of \$100 million per year.

The government is now working to improve ethanol's status, as the private sector begins to invest in ethanol. The government is also looking for ways to improve ethanol's status.

"It is a good idea where there is limited non-renewable supply in the world," Malinao said. "In the long run, this supply will be extremely high. It is a good idea where there is limited non-renewable supply in the world."

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# RP upgraded a notch on rating technicality

## Moody's uses new methodology, raises foreign currency ceiling of 70 countries

By Doris C. Ombao

THE PHILIPPINE YESTERDAY BAGGED a new notch foreign currency rating upgrade from 'Baa3' to 'Baa2' by Moody's Investor Service that only because the influential rating agency used a new methodology which is called an 'as-applied' to the country.

Prompted more by a new and more flexible rating scheme rather than a technical change in the methodology, the agency raised its long-term foreign currency rating for the Philippines from 'Baa3' to 'Baa2'.

Moody's agency is calling for foreign currency bonds and notes to remain strong, indicating the higher rating that can be assigned to an issuer whose debt is in the country.

Based on Moody's definition, bonds that are not in the country's jurisdiction, but are in the country's jurisdiction, are allowed to be considered as 'as-applied'.

Lower rated bonds, on the other hand, generally lack the assurance of the issuer's government and assurance of payment may be very low period of time may be small.

# Foreign firms invited to inspect Naia 3

AT LEAST THREE foreign firms are to be invited to inspect Naia 3, a project to be constructed in the country.

Inspection of the project is required by the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) to ensure that the project meets the required standards.

The DOTC is currently reviewing the project and will soon release the results of its inspection. The project is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

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# Mango, bamboo buoy Pangasinan city economy

By Yolanda Sotelo-Puerto  
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## San Carlos considered leading expert in mango industry

LA TRINIDAD, MAY 24—A 190-kg and a 100-kg of mango have been keeping the central Pangasinan city's economy afloat.

The production of mango is the city's top crop. 175,000 tons of mangoes are produced annually, making Pangasinan the 1st in the country in terms of mango production. The city is also the 1st in the country in terms of mango production.

San Carlos has 200,000 mango trees, 100,000 of which are fruit-bearing, he said.

Agri-Team San Carlos, grow-

ers in other Pangasinan towns are producing similarly more mangoes of the various varieties, he said.

For what was San Carlos agri-Team, he said, most Pangasinan mangoes are produced in other parts of the province.

He said only 20 percent of mangoes landed in the city are from San Carlos.

The remaining 80 percent come from other Pangasinan towns.

He said many exporters come here to buy mangoes.

But more than producing the fruit, the city has produced residents who are skilled in mango production and are loved by consumers.

These residents have learned various techniques in mango growing and orchard tending from their ancestors.

They started with "mangrove" or "inducing the roots to form through seedling."

When chemicals took the place of seedling, residents began to improve the trees with genetic strains in these seeds.

Meanwhile, said orchard workers from the city were scattered to parts that 17 provinces that produce mangoes.

"By asking mango orchard workers who take care of their trees and they will say 'mangoes from San Carlos City,'" he said.

Local mango producers, the mayor said, are updated on the latest technology through the mango field school of the Department of Agriculture and the office of the provincial agriculture.

However, the city has no processing plant for mango and the fruit is sold fresh in local and in-

ternational markets.

Pennella said apart from mangoes, bamboo crab provides livelihood to the city's residents.

He said the city has about 200 laboratories of crabs and crabs and their bodies are planned to be frozen.

The city grows the bamboo crabs mostly in the mountains of "Sanagay" and "Sanagay" mangoes.

The "Sanagay" mango is known for being "juicy" because the mangoes and baskets for different purposes and some domestic plants.

Pennella said the city also has a lot of being the birthplace of the famous "buko" (buko) that made of bamboo and sugar that is usually put in gardens and where families and friends can lounge.

Some models of the buko bako, which will cost P10,000 to P15,000, feature a living room, a bedroom and a kitchen.

Pennella said residents of at least 17 villages also have a lot of growing bamboo crabs in the city.

The city government has also set a space for tourists to display and sell their bamboo products.



A FRUIT vendor shows off her mangoes in San Carlos City is known as the country's second largest mangoes to buy the sweet fruit.



Most of the residents of Pangasinan in San Carlos City make mangoes from the city.



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## To survive, local textile exporters need to diversify

By Rosalyn K. Domingo

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND TEXTILE EXPORTERS would have to diversify into other industries to survive a long-term global trade, according to a United Nations study that warned of a loss of 10 developing countries in the Asia-Pacific.

The study, "Living Together: How to Sustain Human Development Goals in the Asia-Pacific World," analyzed the impact of trade liberalization on a number of countries that entered into a trade agreement with the United Nations.

The study covered Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, and Thailand.

The UN Development Program found that among exports of textile products from the Philippines in the United States, which rose nearly 25 percent in 2005, helped to offset a drop of about one-fifth in export value and shipping expenses from the country in the same year.

Data compiled by UNCTAD's Regional Center for Latin America show that Philippine exports and shipping expenses increased 1.4 percent to \$2.3 billion in 2005 from \$2.4 billion in 2004.

In terms of volume, the exporters shipped out almost 200 million kilograms of products in 2005 or 0.4 percent higher than the year prior.

"But the growth of exports in textile goods and garments and other textile made-ups was offset by a 12.9 percent decline in textile products," the study said.

Also, the paper found that while Asia-Pacific textile exports to the United States and European Union countries increased without quota, some competitive countries are "pushing smaller players out of the market."

## Seaoil to import more ethanol

By Miguel I. No

THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE recently issued Revenue Order No. 10, which is being released into the country allowing the company to expand its supply and increase selling ethanol blended gasoline to motorists.

Seaoil president Fu said he will be the source of the blend. He said he would now be importing 1.5 million liters of ethanol from Brazil.

In new ethanol supply should be in the country by next month, he said.

The 1.5 million liters that Seaoil would be importing, however, may not be enough to meet requirements, he said.

The ethanol that Seaoil imported from Brazil blended gasoline in August last year. The plan was to sell ethanol to other oil companies, as well as to sell ethanol to other oil companies.

However, the first point that the BIR is used to Seaoil provided the oil firm from selling to other companies, he said.

"We wanted to do it with the other oil companies, but we got restrictions, pending the issuance of the implementing rules and regulations," he said.

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2006. The company said higher oil prices are making cheaper coal a preferred alternative in many industries. Coal prices increased in the first nine months of 2006 to \$2.264 a lb from \$2.254 a lb.

Coal of mines for the period amounted to \$768.6 million, an increase in a price profit rate of 11 percent, down by 9 percent from the 40 percent recorded in the same quarter last year.



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Business Features Editor Marga Quijano-Espino

## There's no recipe like the tried and tested one

Fast food finds out best way to compete in the US is to be who you are

By Marga Quijano-Espino

**W**HEN JOLLIBEE Foods Corp. opened a branch in the United States eight years ago, it was as if there had been a time machine.

Waiting time for a used-to-be springing new business that had not been in the US

in this part.

It took a while for the multi-million-dollar Filipino brand to find its place in the land of milk and honey and it only did what it used to do: it kept the same recipe that made it become the world's biggest burger chain in the Philippines—some had that Filipino love in the moment that it felt like home.

For the past years, although Jollibee continued to expand in

the US West Coast, where the company of more than million Filipinos in the US live, sales were slow but steady to 30 branches.

"Some doors were being closed, but not flying," says Jollibee VP for Marketing and Sales. "We had complaints regarding the service and the taste. Nobody was saying about it."

The US franchise base were not

as a totally different group and the complaints were used to enhance its brand identity in the US market. The night years, things were very much the same, with the US team making the decisions.

Last year, however, major changes were made. All burger franchises were placed under the same group in the Philippines, which is headed by Unimex Inc.

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## Cards to keep shoppers buying

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The retailers get only benefits from the cards by attracting new customers and keeping old ones loyal. They also get valuable customer insights a business can then mine from the cards—what

Below are companies that all of these awards may have those apply to their operations, and where they think the award program will go moving forward.

Romanus Tomblin, head of the commercial cranes group of Ryda Ltd. Inc., the 1987 estate development subsidiary of leading Philippine conglomerate Ayala Corp., says Ryda will document sand has none a long way

"This helps us to cut state re-  
bates and modernize our

On the other hand, benefits because they can get an update of the points they earned from the program, and determine how much they can redeem the points into items or discounts on purchases.

The shift of ship yards to more and give information quickly and more efficiently is the main reason behind revival of use of ship yards by legal programs.

Like the Spide Mall, the business group of companies, which include Alcon, Walco, West Shopping Center, the Furniture Shop and Arco appliance center, also featuring laundry in the main reason behind its investment in a discount program.

Aluminum group vice president William Lin, however, says they will use coats with magnets on them.

Line explains that while many readers are aware of the historical racist roots, or those with chips, there is still a lot to be done in terms of affecting the economics on these benefits, such as equity and equal opportunity.

"I see much with chips replacing magnetic cards being driven by the super-vault card companies," he says. "The vocabulary is there, now the challenge for smart cards is education as to why it is a smarter vocabulary and the benefits they bring to the client."

Let's say mysterious to chip cards will small increments in absorption and from and back and infrastructure, which will take time to resolve.

One reason that may hasten the migration is what might be the overabundance of sports and hardware.

that use proprietary technology  
the authors have no financial

"We hope we can push for more standardized transactions that make it easier across all industries when we create a smart grid," he adds.

In the near future, the Minnesota group is working on its language in strike cards, that will contain it in possible points in the contract.

This prompted the Museum to create a new exhibit.

"Our main intention is to create relationships with our customers. Our customers take the time and effort to run and purchase from us, we value their business."

"We would like to know who they are, what drives them, and create more value for them in their current and future purchasing decisions."

Lite says that by strengthening its bond with its customers by giving points tracked by their cards, they are able to provide more value to their customers.

Because of the additional value we create, they rate us positively on every effort. We consider it our offering to our customers to add individual care.

**MasterCard**  
...but whileVisaandMasterCard  
are still dominant in the market,

international and more than 10,000 are growing deep water of smart corals among 17, giving consumers because of security, convenience and value that, few have in consumers.

The following month

joined global efforts to improve the ship-based credit cards through the IMF Express Credit Movement, which was launched in May of last year.

This puts the country in the ranks of Malaysia, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Singapore and Brunei, who are among the world's submitters in Asia Pacific of the most lawsuits, particularly the IMF standard.

MasterCard said in a statement that the growth rate is smart credit in Asia has been very high, with the company exceeding more than 45 million MasterCard-branded credit cards in Asia Pacific last year, a 10 percent growth from the previous year.

Most of these are true multi-application suites with both credit, debt financial and non-financial applications, such as re-

The higher earnings and low or risk of fraud of instant cards are making them very popular

Consumers are beginning to appreciate the advantages of these all-in-one units that offer more space, choice, style and

more member financial institutions and retailers are coming up to smart cards systems," is added.

MasterCard said that smart cards are "intelligent" because they provide such applications, such as on-demand loyalty and secure payments, across an

MasterCard said its new cards open the possibility of wider access not in traditional

cash-based, small-order, big-volume markets prevalent in the Philippines, such as fast food outlets, restaurants, and car-out stores, public and mass markets, and other outlets.

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# BUSINESS Friday

## 'Will price-cut promos damage our brand equity?' - Part II

**Q: IN CASES WHERE PRICE PROMOS ARE LIKELY TO DO DAMAGE, INSTEAD, EQUITY-HELPING DISCOUNTS OFFER THE BEST SOLUTION.**

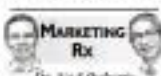
At the same time, it's important to remember that price promotions can also be a double-edged sword. If not managed properly, they can damage a brand's equity.

Price promotions can be used in a number of ways. They can be used to build brand equity, as well as to gain a competitive edge. In the latter case, they can be used to lure customers away from a competitor's product.

Equity-overwhelming

### Del Monte example

It takes a company with an explicit policy favoring brand equity-enhancing advertising over the short-term sales lift of price promotions to effectively make these promotions. Del Monte was one such company. It was one of the reasons that it's A&P (advertising and promotion) budget would be extremely devoted to brand building advertising and if it had to have promotions, then there would be other goodwill-building promotions like sponsorship or loyalty-inducing programs like the



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special loyalty programs like no price points or all. This brand-enhancing A&P policy paid off when Del Monte introduced Del Monte apples. The brand's market share rose to 15 percent in its first year. It's a case that your market participation accomplishments.

Consumer research revealed that consumer purchases for the new brand were made primarily on the basis of the consumer's choice (due to brand equity value) of the Del Monte brand.

Price promotions activities are growing in number and variety. Managing this Del Monte population and population growth is basically a matter of categorizing. Traditional marketing practice (classified by the marketing mix elements) to which the program is based. Thus, we talked about price-based promotions, product-based promotions, place-based promotions like off-

shelf displays and on-shelf displays, categorizing this last is especially tricky. A marketing problem here where the marketer is in a bind to decide if the "marketing concept" of marketing from where consumers are.

On the other way to categorize is to think of the target consumer or customer segment that we're asking a price and to influence. Donald Liberman of the University of Colorado, proposed classification.

Long-run relationship building target consumer requires long-term relationship programs, e.g., sponsorships, extensive advertising pro-

grams, e.g., sweepstakes and contests.

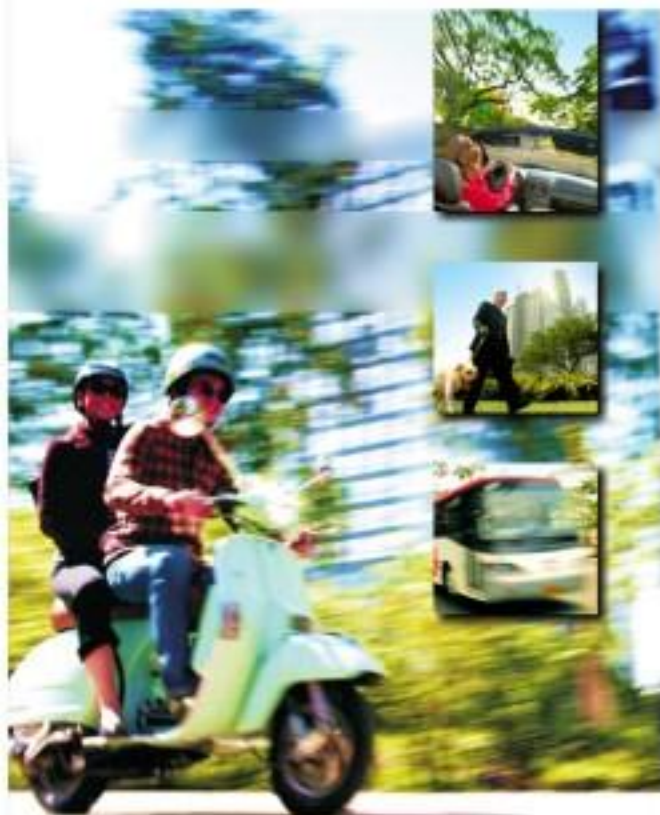
Short-run (short-term) target consumer requires. Promos to get current customers to buy more, e.g., volume discounts or "value" packages.

Promos to get current customers to be more loyal, e.g., frequent buyer programs and programs.

Promos to get customers to try a new product, e.g., sampling.

The acknowledged gaps of sales promotion, Robert Stalling of the Kellogg School of Management, University of Michigan, proposed a similar categorization for last.

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## Groomed for the altar

*Men about to take the plunge  
should never take themselves  
for granted. After all,  
it's their big day, too*

By Nick Y. Vargas

WHILE IT USUALLY TAKES a fashion designer like Frederick Thomas six to eight months to create an ideal wedding gown, it takes him only two to three months to make a formal suit or tuxedo. If worse comes to worst, he can piece together a decent suit within three to four days.

Despite the busy schedule he has to meet the wedding, however, Thomas doesn't want to be groomed to suit him in the month before the wedding. He says, "I should never take them for granted. After all, it's their big day, too, but I have to be there for them."

"Since most guys are busy preparing for their weddings," he says, "they tend to forget themselves. They should prepare themselves up and coordinate their wedding preparations with the bride."

Why the single headliner? Thomas needs to be able to make, schedule them for production and pick a specific day for fitting. The final price tag will depend on such factors as design, type of materials and the groom's size.

The suits and tuxedos start at P15,000, while a pair of pants runs anywhere from P4,000 to P10,000. The suit probably runs a considerable amount of money by having a suit or having off the rack, but don't be surprised if you have to wear a gown (or even the formal wear) wearing the same suit.

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WED, SUTED: On Right: Customers give the bride a hand with the bride's dress. (Inquirer photo) and white tuxedo suit suit



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# Do you take this dress to be your lawful wedding gown?

*Just like the search for the perfect mate, the quest for the perfect bridal dress can take a while*

## Something old

Traditional inspirations are woven into modern-day wedding dresses. Here's how to find the perfect gown for your special day.

1. **Style.** The bride's dress should reflect her personality and the wedding theme. Consider the venue, time of day, and season when choosing a gown.

2. **Fit.** The gown should be comfortable and allow for ease of movement. Consider the bride's body type and the wedding theme.

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**I**N MEDIEVAL EUROPE, WEDDINGS WERE serious business—literally. It was not just a union of two people but, sometimes, a union between two families, two businesses and, in the case of royalty, a union between two countries. The brides wore finery of glass and gold, for she did not just represent herself. She represented her dynasty.

The wedding gown, made from the finest of silks, was a symbol of status and wealth. It was a work of art, a masterpiece of craftsmanship. The bride's gown was a reflection of her family's power and influence.

### Mobuhayl



Jenni Espersen

Strangely enough, the modern wedding gown is a fairly recent phenomenon. A trend that began with the reign of Queen Victoria and Alfred, the Prince of Wales in 1840. At the time, Lady's Book, a women's magazine, "suggested" the idea of a white gown for the bride.

Over time, the white gown became the standard. It was a symbol of purity and innocence. The bride's gown was a reflection of her family's values and traditions.

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Know where your daughter's sleeping in Bora (and with whom)

**D**ON'T LOOK AT ME, MIMI are sons. Thank God, I don't have to be paranoid about the technical staff (like virgins).

But then, as I look around and see how "the us" has become a site of passage for today's generations of Filipinos, I also discover how "parents' rules" have loosened up for their daughters—rules like, when is sleep and when alone.

This is because the entire horobala (this is Rava and rava is horobala according to them, like rice or it is a root, buckwheat and all. Sometimes though it's even makh-ta-chine is a root) two boys, one

Of course, I sound utterly confused, if not bickering (sorry—a term used on me at Stanford University in California years ago when I flunked out on receiving my relevant result said apud, so bring apud, oh, please dear).

Unlike in the days of old, today's guys and girls can leave bad relationships with-

## LIFE-STYLED

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Χρήστος Χανς Λυγαν



"BOM" has become a rite of passage for today's generation of Filipinos.

Ah, I thought so. I don't think Pteropus ones (especially all crests) have value. I 100-degree temp, it's just that today's kids have become more glib, or casual and cool with their explanations or their folks.

Philips' father, not surprisingly, is their daughter, so what else don't know won't hurt them. But before they kick to the mouth and tear up all those New Year tickets, consider also that this isn't a big party place now, no longer the stylish island paradise it was years ago. People go there as much as it's for the movie *Island*.

And at the end of the day, after a whole night of gawping, these kids really just crash in bed, too tired for anything, perhaps (perhaps!) even sex. (My mother's mouthed all right, but that's to quote the father's by-now-romanticized images

They don't date now, so much as hang out. The genders come together not one-on-one, but in groups, which is why it's not that weird compared to the '70s.

In "Toussaint Ours Don't Get Deceived," popstar 15 psychobiologist Beaudry 36, Winfield and Little White write that perhaps, to day's girls find it more difficult to land a steady date, much less get a guy to commit to a relationship... because they're so well informed about "hang out."

Now then, let's not go there; that's a little distant story.

I mentioned this to Louise Criss, Sheri's "pat" brother and asked if he was any different from his pumping days in the '70s and '80s. "I made sure there was only one room," he said. (End of story.)

Parents can't be around all the time or everywhere. There are just too many things to do to let go. To my sons, I try to "message" how I will let go. Talk about capitalism—*and it's time to go.*

My ultimate point is, there is a rise of passage not only for the birds. It's also becoming some rise of passage for Filipino people.

### Buddhism in China

If there's one Filipino artist who's going global quickly, it must be Rudy Tang, the consummate home and furnishings designer who won a lifetime achievement award last year and with *ILPino*, put up the milestone-winning Movement 5. If we didn't run into him last week, we wouldn't have known that Rudy (being showrooms are, after Bangkok, already in Kuala Lumpur and Beijing.

Of course, Buffett's business is in many states worldwide. In Beijing, however, he's also busy at work on a building to be finished for the Beijing Olympics.

I should be mentioning to you how that ji, known for his Indian modern style, is crafting what is (Western) and Chinese in spirit.

**Labels for Videos:**

The bride is loved: the 18-year-old Hollywood icon Lindsay Lohan will be the new celebrity face of Lucia Valmont, after Uma Thurman.

While Mario Jansche is said to want to use models like the aluminum wheel, INM's head Bernard Grynault is said to be a believer of the constant driving power of the French car industry.

WHO also reported that Elvira Riosse has signed up nearly 11,000 to be its voluntary donors for Age Matters Pro-Cancer campaign now to be launched in the US in July. The campaign targets 60-year-olds and above, those having turned 60. The next priority now is beauty and skin care; the modern is getting older—Cristina is in the 70-year-olds—but more segmented. There's a product for each age segment, so I'll read it successfully doing.

Jean Paul Gaultier is designing Madonna's wardrobe in her *Confessions* tour this month. There's also a Madonna Gallery—a museum of all the pop princess and grand this icon—at the W in Las Vegas, the ultimate ode to an era's leg end.

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CLARINS New Skin Free gel (left) and Shampo Plus Body Cream in showering gel



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# Early shopping for Father's Day

**FATHER'S DAY** is a time when many men are in the mood for a makeover. They want to look good, but they don't have time to go to the salon or to the store to buy a new shirt. They want to look good, but they don't have time to go to the salon or to the store to buy a new shirt.

## MAKEOVER 911

KERRY SAYS



Looks good even when he's just out of the bed in the morning. There are many men who are in the mood for a makeover. They want to look good, but they don't have time to go to the salon or to the store to buy a new shirt. They want to look good, but they don't have time to go to the salon or to the store to buy a new shirt.

Ed of hairline. It's not like to drink alcohol and eat fatty food, we can only manage and eat less to take it easy for his liver's own good. One thing I give my male friends is Shampo Plus. It's a shampoo, which cleans and moisturizes the hair and keeps it healthy. It's a shampoo, which cleans and moisturizes the hair and keeps it healthy. It's a shampoo, which cleans and moisturizes the hair and keeps it healthy.

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## Get a tan any time you want

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